We claim:

1. A locator tool for orienting a medical device with an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve, the tool comprising:

an indicator of a desired orientation of a valve; and

means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve to indicate a specific orientation of the valve.

2. An indicator tool for indicating the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet indicating a current setting of the valve, the tool comprising:

means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in a valve to indicate a current setting of the valve; and

means for indicating the current setting of the valve

3. An adjustment tool for changing the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet capable of changing a current setting of the valve by physical movement of the magnet, the tool comprising:

means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve;

means for moving the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve.

4. A system for indicating the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet indicating a current setting of the valve, the system comprising:

a locator tool comprising:

an indicator of a desired orientation of a valve; and

means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve to indicate a specific orientation of the valve;

an indicator tool comprising:

means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in a valve to indicate a current setting of the valve; and

means for indicating the current setting of the valve.

5. A system for changing the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet capable of changing a current setting of the valve by physical movement of the magnet, the system comprising:

a locator tool comprising:

an indicator of a desired orientation of a valve; and

means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve to indicate a specific orientation of the valve;

an adjustment tool comprising:

means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve;

means for moving the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve.

6. A system for determining and changing the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet capable of changing a current setting of the valve by physical movement of the magnet, the system comprising:

a locator tool comprising:

an indicator of a desired orientation of a valve; and

means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve to indicate a specific orientation of the valve;

an indicator tool comprising:

means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in a valve to indicate a current setting of the valve; and

means for indicating the current setting of the valve

an adjustment tool comprising:

means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve;

means for moving the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve.

7. A method of orienting a medical device with an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a locator tool having an indicator of desired orientation of a valve and having means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve that indicates a specific orientation of the valve;

palpating the valve to determine its physical characteristics;

setting the locator tool over a portion of the valve so that the locator tool is mechanically coupled to the physical characteristic of the valve that indicates a specific orientation of the valve.

8. A method of indicating the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet indicating a current setting of the valve, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a locator tool having an indicator of desired orientation of a valve and having means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve that indicates a specific orientation of the valve;

providing an indicator tool having means for magnetically coupling with a magnet in a valve indicating a current setting of the valve and having means for indicating the current setting of the valve;

palpating the valve to determine its physical characteristics;

setting the locator tool over a portion of the valve so that the locator tool is mechanically coupled to the physical characteristic of the valve that indicates a specific orientation of the valve;

coupling the indicator tool to the locator tool to align the indicator tool with the locator tool;

wherein, the current setting of the valve is indicated by the indicator tool.

9. A method of changing the current setting of an implanted adjustable valve with a physical characteristic that indicates a specific orientation of the valve and a magnet capable of changing a current setting of the valve by physical movement of the magnet, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a locator tool having an indicator of desired orientation of a valve and having means for coupling with the physical characteristic of the valve that indicates a specific orientation of the valve;

providing an adjustment tool having means for magnetically coupling with the magnet in the valve to move the magnet to change the current setting of the valve;

palpating the valve to determine its physical characteristics;

setting the locator tool over a portion of the valve so that the locator tool is mechanically coupled to the physical characteristic of the valve that indicates a specific orientation of the valve;

coupling the adjustment tool to the locator tool to align the adjustment tool with the locator tool;

moving the magnet to change the current setting of the valve.